Appointments at senior academic positions

4162. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions regarding appointments at senior academic positions in universities and other academic societies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the institutions where these positions are created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI):(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India have issued instructions that selection of persons to hold posts of Chief Executive Officers of autonomous organizations of the Government, and for posts in the pay scale of Rs. 18,400-22,400/- and above therein, would follow a search-cum-selection committee procedure. The search-cum-selection committee would be constituted by the Government mandatorily including an outside expert of eminence from the relevant field. The search-cum-selection committee would prepare a panel of names, out of which the Government shall nominate one person to hold such a position. These instructions apply for executive positions of all autonomous ganizations being funded by the public exchequer to ensure transparency in selection process and effective evaluation of the candidates even while preserving the functional autonomy of such organizations. These instructions apply to the Chief Executive positions in autonomous academic organizations as well. Selections to senior positions in Central Universities are governed by the provisions of the respective Acts of Parliament in accordance with the eligibility laid down by the Regulations of the University Grants Commission on Minimum Qualifications of Appointment and Career Advancement, as amended from time to time.

Merging of KGBVS and SSA

4163. SHRI SK.KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the merging of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan will make it difficult to track the outlays;

(b) if so, the reasons for such merging; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.D.ALI ASHRAF FATMI):(a)to(c) The Planning Commission in its Mid Term Appraisal of the Xth Plan, has recommended that the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme should be merged with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in the Xlth Plan w.e.f. 1st April, 2007. The rational was that the objectives of KGBV scheme are similar to that of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) i.e. to promote schooling facilities at upper primary stage for girls. Both the schemes have similar funding pattern between the Centre and States and both are being implemented through the State Implementing Society of the SSA.

The KGBV school requirements are reflected as a separate component in the Annual Work Plans and Budget prepared for SSA.

Establishment of private universities

4164. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposal to establish private universities;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to sanction the proposal;

(c) whether Government have formed rules and regulations for such private universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI):(a) The Central Government does not have any such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The University Grants Commission has framed regulations, called "The University Grants Commision (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003'.